GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:91
ANSWERED ON:02.02.2017
Water Supply from Bhakra Main Line
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhakra main line was built with the object to augment the water flux to Sutlej river, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the concerned States were to be provided Ravi-Beas water through Bhakra main line, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of water being supplied to Rajasthan from this line;

(d) whether the said quantity is in accordance with the agreement signed between the concerned States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken/to be taken by the Government to tackle the situation and provide due share of water to all the concerned States including the present status of the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) No, Madam. Bhakra Main Line (BML) was constructed to deliver Sutlej water to Punjab (undivided) and Rajasthan as per Bhakra Nangal Agreement of 13th January, 1959.

(b) There was no provision for Ravi-Beas water to be carried through BML, when the Bhakra-Nangal Project was conceived. However, after completion of Beas Sutlej Link Project, as the waters of river Beas were transferred to Sutlej and were also available in Bhakra reservoir, the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan reached an agreement on 31st December, 1981 regarding allocation of surplus flows of rivers Ravi and Beas over and above the pre-partition use. Subsequently, Government of India vide order dated 15.01.1982, fixed 0.17 MAF of Ravi-Beas water to be provided through BML for Rajasthan, once BML is restored to its original capacity of 12,500 Cusecs.

(c) The quantity of water supplied to Rajasthan via Haryana since year 2011-12, is placed as Annexure.

(d) No, Madam. Due to non-implementation of agreement of 1981 and non-completion of SYL Project, the delivery at Head BML is restricted. However releases are being made as per requirement/share of the partner States deliberated in the Technical Committee Meeting(s) as per availability in reservoirs.

(e) The matters related to construction of SYL Canal and delivery of 0.17 MAF of Ravi-Beas waters to Rajasthan Ex-Nangal via BML are subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

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Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 91 due for answer on 02.02.2017 regarding Water Supply from Bhakra Main Line

POSITION OF WATER SUPPLIED TO RAJASTHAN VIA HARYANA

YEAR PERIOD Share Deliveries Excess/ Shortage
2011-2012 FILLING 89436 83943 (-)5493
DEPLETION 119769 142306 22537
TOTAL 209205 226249 17044
2012-2013 FILLING 86421 73494 (-)12927
DEPLETION 99897 129316 29419
TOTAL 186318 202810 16492
2013-2014 FILLING 89709 84406 (-)5303
DEPLETION 107942 130257 22315

TOTAL 197651 214663 17012
2014-2015 FILLING 84512 74382 (-)10130
DEPLETION 97487 137250 39763
TOTAL 181999 211632 29633
2015-2016 FILLING 80774 76082 (-)4692
DEPLETION 109656 142999 33343
TOTAL 190430 219081 28651
2016-17 FILLING 88977 74332 (-)14645
DEPLETION
upto Dec. 2016 40771 58393 17622
TOTAL 129748 132725 2977
Note:-
(1) All figures are in cusec days.
(2) Filling period is from 21st May to 20th September and depletion period is from 21st September to 20th May of subsequent year.